

TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY PRELIMINARY INFORMATION

2011 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

6 pm, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23 - 11:59pm, MONDAY, DECEMBER 26
78-HOUR HOLIDAY PERIOD

In Tennessee, there were five fatal crashes resulting in eight deaths, yielding a fatality rate of one death every nine hours, 45 minutes. Three crashes were single vehicle crashes. Two were multiple vehicle crashes.

Six of the fatalities (75%) occurred in alcohol-related crashes.

Seven of the people killed were vehicle occupants.

Three of the occupants killed were wearing seat belts. Four were not wearing seat belts (57%).

One pedestrian was killed.

No motorcyclists or child passengers were killed.

FATALITY LOG

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Highway</u>	<u>Fatalities</u>	<u>Alcohol Related</u>
Friday	6:15 PM	Shelby	State Route	1	No
Saturday	6:32 PM	Shelby	County Road	4	Yes
Sunday	11:35 PM	Giles	County Road	1	Yes
Monday	12:26 AM	Hamilton	City Street	1	Yes
Monday	2:55 PM	Sullivan	State Route	1	No

HIGHEST DEATHS

In 1969, 22 people were killed in Tennessee traffic crashes during the 30-hour Christmas holiday period, yielding a fatality rate of one death per 1.4 hours.

LOWEST DEATHS

In 1963, one person was killed in Tennessee traffic crashes during the 30-hour Christmas holiday period, yielding a fatality rate of one death per 30 hours.